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Judge Donald W. Webber 1962 Convention Speaker

Honorable Donald W. Webber, Auburn, Maine, Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine and First Moderator of the United Church of Christ, will be the keynote speaker at the 10th annual sessions of the Southeast Convention.

During his two-year term of office as moderator, Judge Webber will preside at the sessions of the General Synod of the United Church, which is the union of the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches. He also serves ex-officio on the Executive Council of the denomination. As representative of the fellowship of the United Church, he visits local churches, associations, and conferences.

In addition to being elected moderator of the United Church, Judge Webber also was elected to the Board for Homeland Ministries. He is active in local and regional as well as national affairs of the denomination. A deacon of High Street Congregational Church, Auburn, Me., he also teaches a church school class of more than 50 high school students. He is a trustee of the Congregational Christian Conference of Maine.

On the national scene, Judge Webber has served on the executive committee on the board of directors of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches and as chairman of the Board's American Missionary Association and Higher Education Division.

Born in Auburn, November 19, 1906, Judge Webber practiced law there from 1931 to 1948 with time out for service as an officer in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a Justice of the Superior Court of Maine from 1948 to 1953 when he went to the Supreme Judicial Court. A graduate of Bowdoin College in 1927, he received his law degree from Harvard in 1931.

Judge and Mrs. Webber (the former Miss Lucy Nourse) have two children, George C. Webber, who practices law in Auburn, and Mrs. William J. Towle, Boston, Mass.



HON. DONALD W. WEBBER



REV. CAROLYN P. WELCH

Tenth Annual Southeast Convention April 28-29 At Birmingham, Alabama

The 10th Annual Sessions of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

The two-day meeting will be called to order on Saturday morning at 10:30 a. m. (Central Standard Time) and will conclude after the noon meal on Sunday.

The Reverend Carolyn P. Welch, minister of the Congregational Christian Church, Evarts, Ky., is the moderator of the convention. She will preside over the sessions which will attract delegates and ministers from 116 churches in a six-state area.

The Honorable Donald W. Webber, moderator of the United Church of Christ, will deliver the keynote address on Saturday.

The Women's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Fellowship of the convention will hold separate banquets at the

church on Saturday night. Miss Dora C. Brackin, Headland, Ala., is the president of the Women's Fellowship. Odell Yancey, president, of Langdale, Ala., will preside over the Churchmen's Fellowship.

The Church Builder's Club will hold its annual meeting and choose a new project during the sessions. Rufus G. Obrecht, Chattanooga, Tenn., is the president.

Fraternal delegates from the South Indiana Synod (E & R) and from the Convention of the South (C C) are expected to attend.

Reports will be heard from the staff and the standing committees of the convention, as well as from the fellowship organizations.

Rev. Carolyn P. Welch, moderator, Mrs. A. D. Harry, secretary (Lanett, Ala.), W. J. Strickland, treasurer (Atlanta), and Rev. J. H. Lightbourne Jr., superintendent (Atlanta) are the officers of the convention.

Dr. James E. Wagner To Ursinus College

Election of Rev. Dr. James E. Wagner, Philadelphia, as vice-president of Ursinus College was announced recently by Dr. Donald L. Helfferich, president of the College.

Dr. Wagner, former co-president of the United Church of Christ, will inaugurate a program that will "seek to interpret the role of the church related college to the church and the community," President Helfferich said.

"Ursinus College hopes that through Dr. Wagner's efforts we can augment our standards of excellence and demonstrate how Christian higher education can serve the needs of our time.

"Dr. Wagner's position as one of the most respected leaders of the ecumenical movement, his widespread experience as an administrator and his familiarity with higher education make him eminently qualified to lead us in our ecumenical growth at Ursinus," he concluded.

Dr. Wagner announced that he will continue to act as president of the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Council is the Board of Trustees for the legal corporation of the denomination, the major remaining vestige of the communion which in 1957 united with the Congregational Christian Churches to form the United Church of Christ.

Dr. Wagner was president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church from September 1, 1953, until the position was superseded by the adoption of the Constitution of the United Church. He was elected co-president of the latter denomination upon its formation.

Dr. Wagner is a graduate of Findlay, Ohio, College and Lancaster Theological Seminary and did post-graduate work at Lebanon Valley College, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, New York. He holds honorary degrees from the Reformed Theological Academy of Budapest, Hungary, Chicago Theological Seminary, Ursinus College, Franklin and Marshall College, Heidelberg College, and Findlay College.

In 1958 the government of West Germany awarded Dr. Wagner the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit.

He is vice-president of the World Alliance of Reformed and Presbyterian Churches and a member of the General Board of the National Council of the

HERE AND THERE

1962 PASTORS' SCHOOLS

The Eastern Pastors' School at Deering, New Hampshire, will be held for a period of three weeks, July 11-August 1, and the Western Pastors' School at La Foret, Colorado, will be held for a period of four weeks, July 4-August 1.

This year the emphasis at Deering will be on the Urban Church and will be limited to pastors serving city parishes. The emphasis at La Foret will again be general with no restrictions as to type of church served.

Scholarship registrants will receive board and room as guests of the Board for Homeland Ministries plus transportation costs (less \$20.00) at railroad coach rate.

Ministers of the convention interested in attending either of these schools should contact Supt. Lightbourne immediately.

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CHAPEL OF ALL FAITHS

Governor and Mrs. Ernest Vandiver of Georgia, on March 2, launched a new campaign to raise \$800,000 to build religious chapels for the 12,000 mental patients at the Milledgeville State Hospital.

Individuals, organizations, and churches in Georgia will be asked to contribute to the drive for funds.

Dr. Irville H. MacKinnon, superintendent of the hospital, has stated a minister with the necessary clinical training will be appointed to head the religious program. It is anticipated a clinical program for the training of chaplains will be developed.

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NEW DIRECTOR OF CHAPLAINS

A former Navy Chaplain, Rev. Leon A. Dickinson Jr., of New Hyde Park, N. Y., will direct activities for chaplains and other non-parish clergy in the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Dickinson's appointment to the Council for Church and Ministry has been announced by President Ben M. Herbster of the United Church.

Presently pastor of Community Congregational Church, New Hyde Park, Mr. Dickinson served overseas as a chaplain in the U. S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 and from 1950 to 1952.

Mr. Dickinson is a graduate of the University of Vermont and the Union

Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

He served pastorates in Harrisburg and Lancaster before becoming president of the E & R Church.

Theological Seminary, New York.

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PLEASE NOTE

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Miss Ann Kampmeier, former PFER from Chattanooga, is now working with the Peace Corps. Her address is: Apt. 34, Box 34, 1844 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington 9, D. C.

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Lanett Church will hold its annual revival services the week of March 18-23. The Rev. Mack Welch, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church, Reidsville, N. C., is the guest evangelist.

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Rev. Melvin Dollar reports from the United Church of Mission Village, 2605 Melbourne Drive, San Diego 11, Calif., that the church now has a membership of 445. The church is really growing!

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New Vinyl Asbestos Tile Flooring has been put in the Sunday School wing of Pilgrim Church, Birmingham.

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The Executive Committees of the two Congregational Christian Conferences in Kentucky and Tennessee will meet together in Nashville, Tenn., on March 17 to make plans for a joint meeting next fall. The Tennessee-Kentucky Conference is composed of the Negro Congregational Christian Churches in the two states.

YOUNG PEOPLE TAKE NOTE

Summer Conference Dates

Ky.-Tenn. Senior High — June 10-16
Ky.-Tenn. Junior High — July 29-Aug.

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Ga., S. C., Fla., and Ala. Junior and Senior High Camps: July 15-21

The Kentucky-Tennessee camps will be held at Camp Ozone, between Crossville and Rockwood.

The camps for the rest of the convention area will be held at Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga.

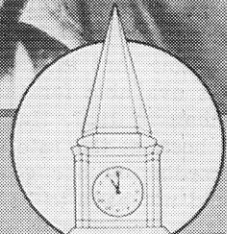
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Superintendent's Corner

Carried on this page is the list of churches of the convention with their comparative contributions to OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION for 1960 and 1961.

Contributions to the Christian Higher Education Fund are not included. The Woman's Gift offerings are included in the totals for "Church Undesignated". The figures given represent OCWM contributions sent to the convention and direct to the national boards.

For those statistically inclined, it is interesting to note that:

44 churches increased

8 remained the same

23 gave less

35 gave nothing

6 are inactive

Of the 110 active churches in the convention, 75 supported OCWM and 35 did not.

There is cause for rejoicing. Once again our support of OCWM increased. Over the past four years the increase has averaged approximately \$2000 per year. Progress has been made.

There is also cause for concern. In the same four years the subsidy from the Board of Home Missions has decreased by \$8000. The convention's share of OCWM has increased \$5294.

This means that in 1961 there was \$2706 less available for the convention budget than in 1957. Had the OCWM increase been at the rate of \$3000 per year according to our goal this problem would not have to be faced.

1962 is a crucial year. Our Program of Progress is at stake. Let us support OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION at home and abroad.

Our Christian World Mission Receipts 1961

CHURCH	1960	1961		
Alabama				
Alex City, Antioch	0	0	Wadley, Corinth	25 53
Alex City, Hunt	0	0	Wedowee, Caver's Grove	0 0
Andalusia, Antioch	105	105	Wedowee, Noon Day	150 120
Andalusia, Coldwater	0	6	Florida	
Andalusia, First	260	161	Baker, Good Hope	0 0
Andalusia, New Home	0	0	Baker, Pyron's Chapel	104 50
Arley, Robertson's Ch.	30	31	Bonifay, New Effort	215 165
Ashland, Bethel	0	0	Crestview, Dorcas	0 0
Birmingham, Pilgrim	930	1,386	Floralda, Cluster Spgs. (Inactive)	
Brantley, Ind. Creek	0	10	Georgia	
Brantley, Liberty	0	24	Ambrose	0 10
Caddo	78	108	Atlanta, Center	240 180
Clio, New Hope	130	310	Atlanta, Central	5,091 4,988
Cragford, Mt. Carmel	0	0	Barnesville, Fredonia	223 529
Dadeville, Elder	60	89	Baxley, Friendship	0 0
Daviston, McG. Chp.	0	0	Bowman, Liberty	36 48
Delta, Wesley's Chp.	0	0	Braselton, Macedonia	36 36
East Tallassee	395	491	Bristol, Antioch	0 0
Eclectic, Watson's Ch.	0	0	Buford, Duncan's Creek	0 47
Five Points, State L.	0	0	Columbus, First	345 300
Garden City	204	210	Columbus, United	75 240
Goodwater, Oak Hill	9	0	Crest, Hebron	0 0
Hackieburg, Fairview	60	60	Demorest, Fed.	647 660
Haleyville, Union Grove	72	90	Doerun, New Light	0 0
Headland, Blackwood	338	325	Doerun, Poplar Arbor	0 0
Houston, Liberty Hill	0	0	Douglas	10 30
Huntsville		219	Enigma	0 0
LaFayette, Pl. Grove	130	180	Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	0 36
Lanett, Cong. Chr.	2,192	4,063	Hampton, County Line	60 60
Lanett, Huguley	120	100	LaGrange, Hillside	180 32
Langdale	1,862	1,799	LaGrange, United	862 1,346
Lineville, Dingler's Ch.	0	0	Meansville, First	24 110
Lineville, New Harmony	50	30	Meansville, Liberty (Inactive)	
Lineville, Shady Grove	0	0	Oxford, Sardis	91 120
Lineville, Spring Hill	0	0	Pearson, Union Hill	208 203
Midland City, Ch. Hill	0	48	Pine Mt., Oak Grove	525 460
Montgomery		52	Richland, First	78 90
Moulton, Jones' Chp.	0	0	Richland, Providence Chap.	0 0
Mt. Creek, Union	45	70	Tifton, First (Inactive)	
Phenix City, First	60	40	Tifton, Vanceville	0 0
Phenix City, Russell Woods	50	129	Waycross, Williams Chap.	79 15
Pisgah (Inactive)			West Point, Bethel	0 83
Roanoke, Antioch	200	151	Woodbury, Jones Chapel	60 0
Roanoke, Bethany	0	50	Kentucky	
Roanoke, First	330	360	Corbin	10 0
Roanoke, Forest Home	55	86	Evarts	590 629
Roanoke, Lowell	325	350	Stearns	2
Roanoke, Mt. Zion	0	0	South Carolina	
Roanoke, New Hope	120	120	Charleston	1,026 1,051
Roanoke, Rock Springs	0	0	Tennessee	
Roanoke, Rock Stand	100	100	Chattanooga	3,622 4,004
Seman, Gilead (Inactive)			Crossville	643 592
Seman, Community	26	25	Daisy	300 259
Shawmut, Todd	62	32	Deer Lodge	96 123
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	36	0	Glen Mary	89 100
Steppeville, Mt. Grove	105	31	Knoxville	2,596 300
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	7	85	Nashville	710 700
Thorsby, United (Inactive)			Pleasant Hill	843 1,110
Town Creek, Liberty	0	0	Robbins	83 88
Wadley, Christian	676	555	Soddy	100 100
Wadley, Beulah	0	0	(Church Undesignated)	2,505 1,886
			Total	\$31,773 \$33,090

People...

Churches...

Events...

Circular Church Has Successful Campaign

Historic Circular Church, Charleston, South Carolina, recently completed a highly successful campaign to raise a special fund for necessary work on the buildings and grounds.

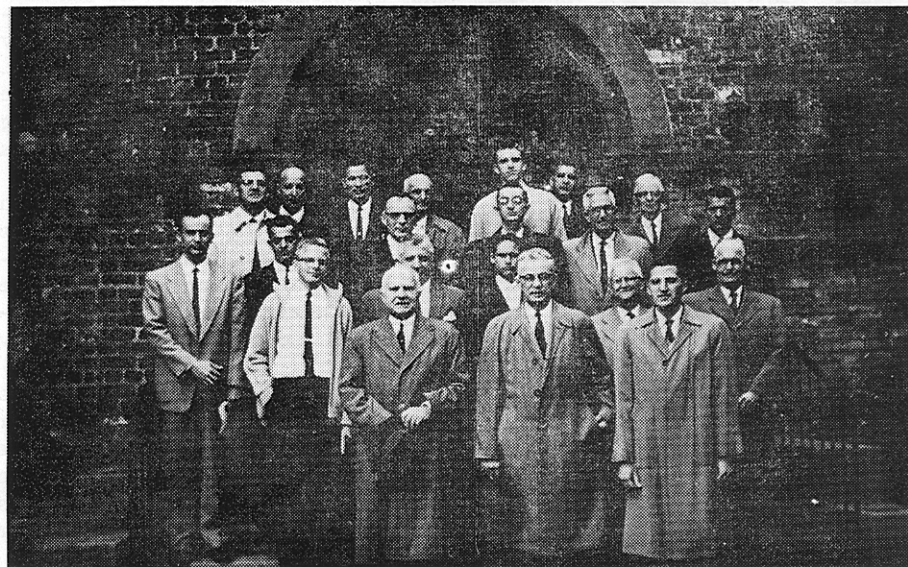
Shooting at a goal of \$7,500 to be paid over a two-year period, the project, directed by Dr. Curtis R. Schumacher of the Church Finance Advisory Service, resulted in a total of \$11,850 pledged by the church members.

Dr. Paul Kingston, professor on the faculty of The Citadel, was the local chairman for the drive. Miss Agnes Kessler, a loyal member of the church, took a week off from her position in order to give full-time to working on the project.

The minister of the church, Dr. William R. Barnhart, was highly gratified at the results of the campaign. Dr. Barnhart is one of the leading liberal religious leaders in Charleston. According to a recent "Pulse Rating", his weekly radio broadcast has an audience of about 15,000.

Circular Church was organized in 1681. The Church School is the oldest in the state. The present building, the fourth on the site and the second of circular design, was built in 1891.

The funds raised will be used to make necessary repairs on the historic building and to the churchyard, the oldest burial ground in the city. The men who participated are pictured below.



Churchmen's Fellowship Honors Dean Van Cleave

Dean A. R. Van Cleave of Southern Union College was honored on Saturday night, February 24th, by the East Alabama-West Georgia Churchmen's Fellowship.

Almost 300 churchmen and their wives were present for the annual Ladies' Night Banquet of the group held at Southern Union College. This is the largest group in attendance in the history of the organization.

There is no completely adequate way to honor a man for years of loyal and dedicated service to both school and churches. This occasion was used to honor a man who has served unselfishly and untiringly The Southern Union College and the Congregational Christian churches. Through the years he has been a college professor, administrator, and a parish minister.

Dean Van, as he is referred to by the students and faculty, was presented a generous purse representing contributions from the churches of the organization.

The program for the occasion was an old fashioned minstrel put on by members at Southern Union.

Mr. Henry Cook of the First Congregational Christian Church, Phenix City, is the president of the group. Mr. Justin Duck of Elder Congregational Christian Church, is vice-president. The group holds regular quarterly meetings at various churches in the area.

Noon Day Women Meet, Organize Fellowship

Mrs. Noel Allen of Lanett, Alabama met with the women of Noon Day Congregational Christian Church on February 11, 1962, to help them organize their own Women's Fellowship. The following are the newly-elected officers of the Women's Fellowship of Noon Day Church, Wedowee, Alabama:

President: Mrs. Herbert McManus, Route 2, Woodland, Ala.

Vice-President: Mrs. Gilbert Huey, Route 2, Wedowee, Ala.

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Meek Huey, Route 2, Wedowee, Ala.

Evangelism and Spiritual Life Chairman: Miss Kathryn Carpenter, Route 2, Wedowee, Ala.

Stewardship and Woman's Gift Chairman: Mrs. Sam Carpenter Sr., Route 2, Wedowee, Ala.

Christian Education Chairman: Mrs. Rudolph Strain, Route 2, Wedowee, Ala.

Friendly Service Chairman: Mrs. David Strain, Route 2, Wedowee, Ala.

Christian Social Action Chairman: Mrs. Velma French, Route 1, Wedowee.

Missionary Education Chairman: Mrs. Donald Holder, Star Route, Wedowee.

Andalusia Antioch Reports Activities

The Women's Missionary Society of the Antioch Congregational Christian Church, Andalusia, Alabama, had a dedication of their Woman's Gift at the evening service on Sunday, February 25th. The pastor, Rev. James W. Walters, preached a very interesting sermon on several women of the Bible.

Those taking part in the dedication service were Mrs. Irene Adams, Mrs. Albert Baisden, Mrs. Gordon Daughtry, Mrs. Judson Kelley, Mrs. Bruce Clark, and the leader, Mrs. Virada Brand.

The Women's Missionary Society also had charge of the choir for the evening. Two special numbers were rendered in connection with the dedication service by the following: Mrs. James W. Walters, Mrs. Lucille Biggs, Mrs. Nora Adams, Mrs. Mamie Bradley, and Mrs. Jodie Daughtry.

The Finance Committee of Antioch Church, Andalusia, staged a "stew" supper on Saturday night, February 17. Stew was also sold by the quart. About \$80.00 was cleared for the financing of the church. Mrs. Otis Messick is chairman of the Finance Committee.

Annual PF-YF Conference April 7-8 At East Tallassee, Alabama

On Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8, the Annual Pilgrim Fellowship-Youth Fellowship Conference will be held at East Tallassee, Alabama. Registration begins at 8:30 A. M. on Saturday morning with young people of East Tallassee in charge, to be followed by fellowship singing at 10 A. M., and Call to Order by President Boyd W. James at 10:30.

Keynote Speaker for the Saturday morning session will be W. R. Green Jr., a past secretary of the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship, who will introduce the timely theme, "God, the Universe, and You."

Mr. Green is a native of Roanoke, Alabama, and attended the public schools there. For several years he was very active in the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Southeast Convention. At present he is the moderator of the United Church of our fellowship in Huntsville, Ala.

Mr. Green is now with the United States Army Ordnance Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, as a Digital Computer. Mrs. Green is the former Sara Smith of Anniston, Ala. They have two children, Beth and David.

Afternoon Workshops will deal with various phases of the theme, and with concerns such as "God and My Life", "God and My Home", "God and My Vocation", "God and Outer Space", "God and Government", and "God and Mission". In addition, workshops for junior high youth and for advisors will be held.



Pictured L to R: David, Mrs. Green, Mr. Green, and Beth.

An All-Conference Banquet, arranged by the host young people, will highlight the Saturday evening program.

Rev. Arnie R. Campbell, pastor of Robbins Parish, Tennessee, will preach at the Sunday morning worship hour. "Miss Annie" as she is affectionately known, was for several years Minister of Christian Education of the Southeast Convention.

No limit has been placed on the number of young people who may attend the conference (although they should be at least twelve years of age) provided the Registration Forms and \$5.00, which includes meals and registration fee, are in not later than March 28. Mail these to Mrs. Marrell Rhodes, Box 622, East Tallassee, Alabama.

Each local church youth group is also asked to send its dues of 50c per member to the SEC PF Treasurer, Bruce A. Little, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, prior to the conference, if at all possible.

Inexpensive materials to help in program planning will be on sale at the conference, in addition to there being displays of other materials which can be ordered. This service should be particularly helpful to youth officers and adult advisors.

Host pastors for the PF-YF Conference are Rev. Harold Henderson, pastor of East Tallassee Church, and Rev. John Wilder, pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee.

May Fellowship Day

Theme: One Family Under God

"Who Is My Family?"

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1962

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Noted India Missionary Spring Rallies Speaker

Miss Naomi E. Blalock, a missionary of the United Church Board for World Ministries, who has served in India for more than 20 years, is the guest speaker for the annual Spring Rallies of the Women's Fellowships.

During the period March 17-28 Miss Blalock will address eight different area rallies within the convention and in the process will journey over most of Alabama and Georgia and into Tennessee.

Miss Blalock, now in this country on furlough, first went out to Mahasamund in the Middle Province of India in 1939 as a representative of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, now a part of the United Church of Christ. For almost a quarter of a century she has given outstanding service among the women and young girls of the towns and villages of the region.

She was educated at Kohn High School, New Orleans, Louisiana; the Biblical Seminary, New York City; Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis; the Scarritt College Rural Center, Nashville; and Cornell University, New York.

In India she has been active with the Women's Committee, responsible for planning the program of the women's guilds in local churches; and with the Christian Home Committee, which sets up training institutes for leaders for the Christian home work programs.